

**TOWN OF NORTH HUDSON**  
**REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING**

**JUNE 16,2020**

**6 p.m.**

In attendance Supervisor Stephanie DeZalia.

Town Council members Maureen Marsden, Brian Caza, Robert Dobie and Town Clerk Martha M. King.

Excused from meeting Deputy Supervisor Marshall Gero.

Supervisor DeZalia called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm and lead in the Salute to the Flag.

Approval of minutes from May 19, 2020 meeting.

So moved Robert Dobie seconded Maureen Marsden.

All in favor Ayes-4, Noes -0

**Supervisors Financial Report**

Town of North Hudson

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As of May 31, 2020

Checking Accounts

Town of North Hudson Checking	(0.10%)	\$ 626,076.04
General Fund		\$ 593,106.04
Fire District		\$ 32,970.00

Highway Fund Checking	(1.10%)	\$ 534,436.24
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**TOTAL ALL FUNDS**                      \$ 1,160,512.28

**Old Business**

**A.** Last month it was discussed about getting estimates from other vendors for repair of front doors as the one quote we had from Plattsburgh estimating upwards of \$ 300.00 for the repair. Stuart Waples of Adirondack Nights Locksmithing, a local business, was contacted and came and fixed the door for a charge of \$ 75.00

**Resolution #42-2020**

**Resolution to allow payment of \$ 75.00** to Stuart Waples for the repair of the front doors.

So moved Maureen Marsden seconded by Brian Caza.

Roll Call Ayes 4- Noes 0

**B.** Supervisor DeZalia followed up on board discussion from the May meeting regarding the hold back of all 2019 and 2020 grant money from the State. She received an email from Dylan Walrath of DEC on June 4<sup>th</sup> about the DEC Grant and current grants cash flow. He believes there will most definitely be a delay in any reimbursements of funds, but believes it would eventually be refunded. After discussion it was decided to put the pavilion on hold at this time and proceed with the message board. Supervisor DeZalia will gather current price quotes from vendors that include set up and service. For some residents it is the only way to communicate town information with them. Numerous residents do not have internet service for social media messages. Reimbursements will be on first come first pay basis. Prices and companies for this message board will be investigated and brought back to the board. Newcomb is installing one and Supervisor DeZalia will check it out when completed.

**C.** Supervisor DeZalia has spoken with the board in the past about the need for change in the APA policy on the height and restrictions on Telecommunication Towers. The County Board of Supervisors has discussed extensively in the past about a need for a change in the APA policy on the height and restrictions on Telecommunication Towers in the Adirondack Park.

Supervisor DeZalia has proposed the following resolution provided to her by the Adirondack Park Local Government Review Board. This has been a hot topic at the last several County meetings. Supervisor DeZalia supports this resolution and would like the board to consider it as well. This pandemic has proven the urgent need for review and change. It is a matter of life and death not just a matter of amenity or convenience.

So moved by Robert Dobie and seconded by Maureen Marsden.

All in favor -4, Opposed-0

### **Resolution #43 of 2020**

Resolution Requesting review and change for new telecommunication towers and other tall structures in the Adirondack Park.

So moved by Robert Dobie and seconded by Maureen Marsden.

Roll call Ayes-4, Noes-0

**D.** At May's meeting the board spoke about the beach and its opening on Saturday June 27<sup>th</sup> due to that being when we would tentatively be entering Phase 4.

Supervisor DeZalia has received the opening guidelines for beaches and for our lifeguard.

Our lifeguard Christina has gotten a variance for her certifications. Renewals are being done by the certificate holder affirming they reviewed their coursework. Under the guidelines for phase 4 there will be additional duties and sanitizing responsibilities. Supervisor DeZalia placed a list of just some of the most noted requirements the Town will need to adhere to in order to keep our North Hudson Beach Open. It will only be at 50% capacity. It has been suggested to phase in opening of beach, perhaps less hours to start. Only the beach would be opened at this time, no picnic area, tennis and basketball court.

Discussion on possibility of adding a cleaning person specific for this.

Supervisor DeZalia is currently working on our NY Forward written Re-Opening safety plan that we need to have in place and affirmation that we have in place and we will comply to the guidelines put forth. Discussion followed on various guidelines.

Some examples are limit the number of people, marking off 10 x 10 areas in sand. Signage, training on PPE for cleaning restrooms, hand sanitizing stations. Water fountains can only be touchless so our water spigot will be locked. All cleaning products must be DEC products identified by EPA against Covid-19. It is required to sanitize frequently all touched areas such as the restrooms, railings, playground equipment, life guard chair and numerous other items. Restrooms will be open and we will need to have them sanitized 3 times daily.

Discussion of Supervisor DeZalia writing a safety plan to reopen the town beach.

**E.** Reminder to Brian Caza that a photo is still needed to update Town of North Hudson website.

### **A. Highway**

The highway crew is done ditching and cleaning up storm debris from Pepper Hollow Rd., Duntley Rd, and Greenough Rd. They still need to do work on the Elk Lake Road.

There is still more sand to be brought in along with the sand and debris removal at the beach. They will have to have this done by scheduled opening of June 27<sup>th</sup>.

They are working on ditching and putting in some stone on Hyatt Heights due to some wash outs. Superintendent Duntley will be ditching on Ensign Pond Rd. and Blue Ridge Rd. for the county. Emmett is flagging on Blue Ridge for the county today possibly longer.

The gas pump at the Highway garage wasn't working so the Highway Superintendent had it replaced. Supervisor DeZalia was unaware of its replacement until after it was done. Supervisor DeZalia spoke to Superintendent Duntley about our discussions of a card system and log of fuel use. He stated the other pump will likely need replacing soon.

The towns mining permit is up for renewal in the fall. Supervisor DeZalia received the permit application and will be working on it. To be discussed in July.

### **Transfer Station**

All is good at the transfer station. Supervisor DeZalia would like to start the transition of all recycling to resume but with the restriction only the attendant would be authorized to enter the trailer at this time. All agreed.

### **Codes Dept.**

In board packet is a copy of the report on the Plumstead property for boards review. There doesn't seem to be a conclusion on the issue. Jon Senecal and Marshall Gero went last Friday to do a final look at progress pertaining to the complaint of April 2019. Supervisor DeZalia will note that there appeared to be work being done over the weekend. Supervisor requested that each board member contact Jon Senecal via email with any questions and their input and recommendations moving forward. Everything was also made available to John Silvestri and he has responded to the email as well.

Brian Caza has offered to meet with Jon Senecal and Marshall Gero Thursday and develop a 30-day plan. Then they will go meet with Mr. Plumstead to present the plan. They would do a return visit prior to next board meeting and report to the board.

Mr. Senecal has also said he sent notice to 3 other residents who are out of compliance. He intends to follow up on these and continue on to other complaints he has received.

## **Supervisors Clerk**

Cassandras new desk is in and looks great.

## **Court**

The clerk is working regular hours but the court is still closed at this point.

Supervisor DeZalia indicated courts at the county are closed as well.

May be reopening mid-July, but there is not a definite date yet.

## **Town Clerk**

The Town Clerk, Candy King, has brought it to Supervisor DeZalia's attention that the previous resolution had been done for the collection of a service charge for returned payments that have been dishonored was done with an incorrect amount. Currently the maximum amount that can be collected is \$20.00.

## **RESOLUTION #44-2020**

Resolution to allow the town clerk to charge a \$20 service charge to all dishonored checks along with the certified mailing charge of said notice. This resolution supersedes all previous resolutions pertaining to this service charge.

So moved Maureen Marsden and seconded by Brian Caza

Roll call vote Ayes-4, Noes-0

A copy of the 2020 Receipt for Settlement of Taxes was placed in each town board packet.

## **Supervisor**

Supervisor DeZalia has been very busy this month with all types of meetings. She has been on ROOST reopening the region Zoom meetings, Counting Zoom meetings, conference calls and numerous emails. Supervisors informed the board in a change in the supervisor's summer hours.

Most weeks Supervisor DeZalia will be scheduled off on Fridays throughout the summer months. She will most likely extend her hours Monday through Thursday. Even if she is not in the office she will still be responding to phone calls and emails. Cassandra and Candy will be working their normal Friday hours.

## **B County Reports**

**1.** All county committee meetings are still cancelled and each Supervisor has been assigned to different county departments. Supervisor DeZalia along with other supervisors have been named liaison to Public Defender, District Attorney, Personnel, Fair grounds and County Clerk. There will be a Ways and Means meeting in person and the County has started doing regular Board meetings in person as well. The meetings are still closed to the public.

**2.** With the resignation of 2 of the county coroners, the county has Resolved to adopt a proposed Local Law No. 3 of 2020, Changing the number of coroners to be elected in the County of Essex from 4 to 2.

**3.** A Resolution passed authorizing the county Chair and manager to enter into agreement with MetLife Insurance for life insurance for county employees for a 2-year period at the expense of the county. Full time employees would get \$50k in coverage and part time \$25k in coverage. In the wake of this virus, some thought it would be a good thing to provide for the county employees especially seeing how many were on the front lines every day during that time. It was a split vote with it being tabled in May and ultimately passed in June.

Supervisor DeZalia indicated that this was something that has been discussed about possibly providing it to the town at one point as Tish had given the Town a quote. Dan said the towns can piggy back off of the county policy and get the same price. It was discussed to get quotes and bring it back for a vote.

**C.** There will be a Free Tire Collection Day on Saturday July 11 at Moriah Transfer Station on Joyce Road from 8am to Noon. Supervisor DeZalia has posted the flyer on our FB page and will put on our sign.

**D.** In all board member's packets there is a chart of proposed 2021 Health Insurance premium increases There will be a proposed 5.3% increase next year. Supervisor DeZalia will be meeting with Tish at 10am Thursday to discuss this.

**E.** Supervisor DeZalia would like to offer up a resolution of condolences to the family of Delia R. Gagne, who was the daughter of Sarah," Sally", Vinskus and the late Vincent Vinskus and to the family of Nancy "Gregoire" Pitkin who was born in North Hudson and was the daughter of the late Joseph and Winifred Gregoire.

### **Resolution #45 of 2020**

Resolution of condolences to the family Delia R. Gagne who passed away on May 22,2020 in her home at the age of 60.

So moved by Robert Dobie and unanimous send.

Roll call Ayes4- Noes-0

### **RESOLUTION #46-2020**

Resolution of Condolences to the family and friends of Nancy Pitkin who passed away on May 12, 2020 at her home in Florida. So moved Brian Caza and unanimous second.

Roll call vote Ayes-4, Noes-0

### **Approve abstracts for General Funds**

Motion to approve abstracts Robert Dobie and seconded by Maureen Marsden

Ayes-4, Noes-0

### **Audit Judge's financial report**

Motion to approve by Maureen Marsden seconded by Robert Dobie

Roll call vote Ayes -4, Noes-0

### **Privilege of the floor**

Discussion on SLIC brought forth by Maureen Marsden. She spoke to a gentleman working on the Niagara Mohawk poles by her residence measuring distance of the poles for SLIC in order to extend the service area in North Hudson. This may take 10-12 months but he indicated we are getting it.

Discussion on the repair of the Court House steps brought forth by Brian Caza and also repair of town hall steps. Supervisor DeZalia stated they were waiting on the engineering plan for those repairs for the Court House and Town Hall.

### **Motion to move into Executive session for DPW personnel reasons.**

Moved by Supervisor DeZalia and seconded by Maureen Marsden at 6:55pm

### **Motion to return from executive session 6:59 pm**

So moved Supervisor DeZalia and seconded by Maureen Marsden.

All in favor Ayes-4, Noes-0

**Meeting adjourned 7pm**

Moved by Supervisor DeZalia and seconded by Brian Caza  
All in favor. Ayes-4, Noes-0

Respectfully submitted  
Martha M. King, Town Clerk